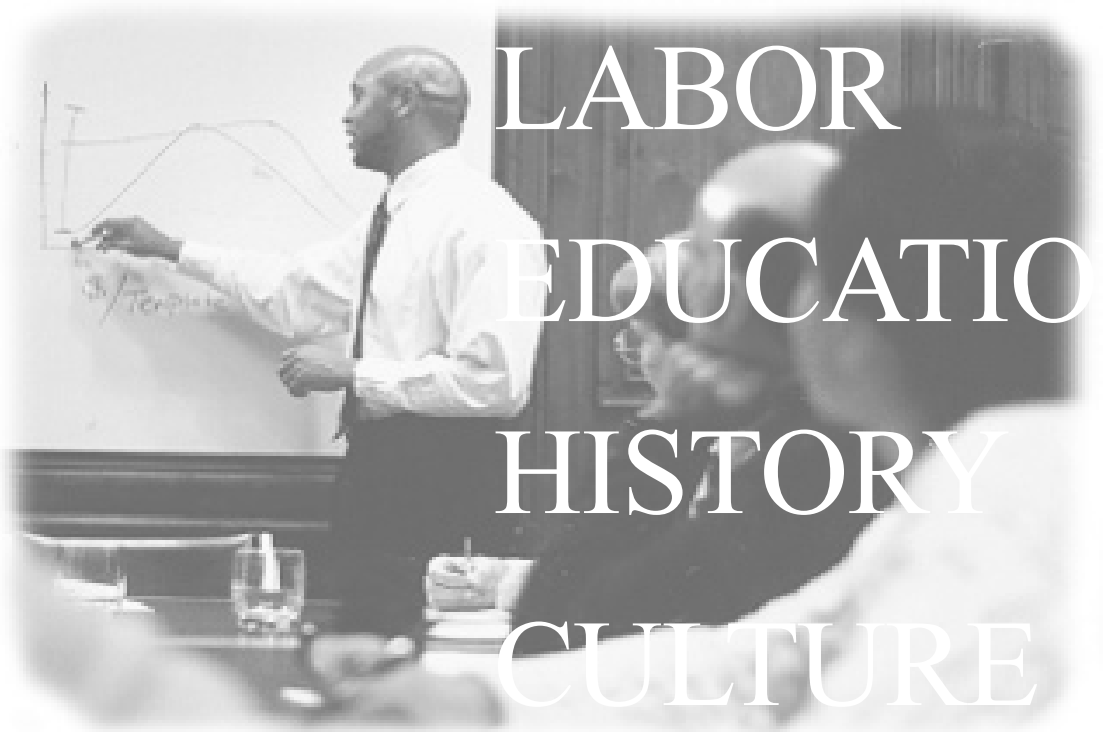


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Iberville Parish

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History¹

One of the original 19 parishes, Iberville was created on March 31, 1807. It was named after Iberville, the great French explorer and brother of Bienville.

Iberville made his first trip up the Mississippi River in 1699. A few miles south of Plaquemines, he found a large group of Bayougoulas Indians waiting to extend a welcome. The same year, Father Du Ru, a Jesuit missionary, established the first church and tried to convert the Indians. By 1769 there were only 376 residents, mostly at St. Gabriel. During the Civil War the parish was occupied by Union forces.

Culture and Recreation³

The Plaquemines Lock Museum is perhaps the most breath-taking building in downtown Plaquemines. Completed in 1909, it is on the National Register of Historic Places and features a Dutch influence and a glistening white brick exterior. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, located across Main Street from Old City Hall in Plaquemines, is considered the purest example of Italian Romanesque architecture in the South. Iberville Parish also offers boating, camping. Near the town of White Castle, is the awe-inspiring Nottoway Plantation, the largest plantation home in the south. Built in 1858 by John Hampton Randolph, Nottoway is a classic Greek Revival structure with 53,000 square feet and some 50 rooms. Indoor plumbing, gas lighting and coal fireplaces were among the innovative and unique features of the home during the plantation era. The Point Pleasant community, situated on the River Road, is the home of the Madonna Chapel, said to be the smallest chapel in the world. Built in 1902, and reconstructed in 1924, it measures 9 feet by 9 feet. St. Gabriel Catholic Church, on the National Register of Historic Places, is believed to be the oldest Catholic Church in the state. Build in 1769, it has been moved several times, and stands today in the community of St. Gabriel.

Parish Seat¹ Plaquemines¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Plaquemine

1990 7,186

1997 (estimate) 7,284

Parish Population²

1990 31,049

1997 (estimate) 31,149

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	51%
African American	49%
Other	0%
Male	49%
Female	51%
Population age 0-4	8%
Population age 65 & Over	11%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	20 ft.
Land area in square miles	618.7
Water area in square miles ⁴	34.2

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual	70°
January	58°
July	80°
Annual average rainfall	82.6 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	12,510
Employed	11,160
Unemployed	1,350
Unemployment rate	10.8%

Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	6.0%
High school graduate or higher	59.0%
Some college or higher	23.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.9%

Agriculture¹

Sugarcane, soybeans, grain sorghum, pecans, beef cattle, horse breeding and industrial fill materials.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Baton Rouge

Louisiana State University

Southern University

Public Libraries⁵ 9

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²**Private Employers**

Dow Chemical U.S.A.--LA Division (Bulk chemicals)	1,700
Georgia Gulf Corporation (Chemicals)	700
Novartis (Herbicides/textile products)	500

Public Employers

Iberville Parish School Board (Education)	692
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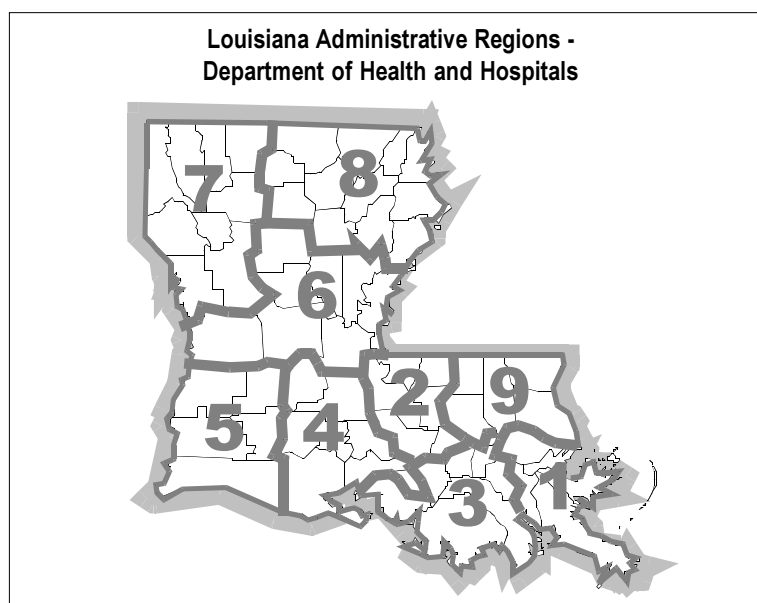
Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	24.5%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	33.5%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$17,678


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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermillion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington